Town of Warner, New Hampshire Conservation Commission Wednesday, March 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Warner Town Hall 7:00 pm In person Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nancy Martin (chair), Alice Chamberlin, Ken Cogswell, Michael Amaral, Jackie Germain (alternate)

Public Attendees:

Sophie Courser, Barbara Marty, Bret Ingold, Harry Seidel

Meeting began at 7:03 pm

1. Kearsarge Community Land Trust (KCLT)

Bret Ingold, VP of KCLT, and Sophie Courser, board member of KCLT provided an update on the 70 acre parcel owned by Andy Duncan. This property borders conservation land and wetlands. KCLT is in the process of applying for LCHIP monies for a conservation easement of the property. Andy Deegan of Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) will be assisting in the LCHIP application. Discussion regarding the role of The Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) in assisting in the process was brought forth. The WCC members asked for a letter from KCLT detailing the requests.

2. Approve Minutes- February 5, 2025

Minutes accepted

3. Warrant Article #10 at Town Meeting

Nancy Martin will provide an overview of the WCC's efforts and the importance of our town's natural resources at Town Meeting on March 12, 2025. Several members of the community will also share their views on the positive impact that maintaining the current land use tax provided to the WCC will have on our community.

4. NRI Draft Update

Craig Tufts met with several WCC members on February 20, 2025 to discuss revisions and updates to the NRI draft. He will also be attending the meeting of the Warner Agricultural Commission on March 10, 2025 for input regarding maple sugaring operations in Town.

5. Mt. Kearsarge Mountain Bike Trail

Nancy Martin contacted Ben Kramer and no application has been filed for a trail permit.

6. CLSRT Rail Trail- HEB Engineering report to DOT

HEB Engineering has sent a report to New Hampshire DOT. This is an infrastructure engineering report which DOT has 6 weeks to respond to.

7. Forestry/Wetlands Permits

Applications for 3 timber cut permits have been received.

8. Late Additions to the Agenda

Harry Seidel (select Board) provided an update on a tree planting program for the Town discussing a desire to receive input from arborists and other professionals as well as residents of Warner.

Nancy Martin shared a letter regarding a boundary dispute on a conservation easement at The Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum with a private property abutter.

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.